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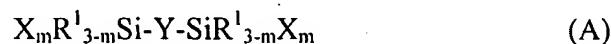
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. & 2. (cancelled).

3. (previously presented) A protective coat-forming coating composition primarily comprising:

100 parts by weight of a co-hydrolyzate of a mixture of

(i) a disilane compound having the formula (A):



wherein R^1 is a monovalent hydrocarbon group of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, Y is a divalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom, X is a hydrolyzable group, and m is 1, 2 or 3, or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof, and

(ii) a fluorinated organo group-containing organosilicon compound having the formula (B):



wherein Rf is a monovalent organo group containing at least one fluorine atom and X is a hydrolyzable group or a (partial) hydrolyzate thereof,

wherein the content of component (i) is 95% by weight to 99.5% by weight of the mixture;

0.1 to 30 parts by weight of fine particles of silica in the form of a colloidal silica and/or a hollow silica sol, a dispersing water of which is set within a pH range of 2 to 7, and

a solvent in such an amount that the content of the solvent is 50 to 99% by weight based on the coating composition.